

Howards Corner

State of Christianity today

I have written several articles on the state of the churches of today, but it bears repeating for the time is urgent for the churches to wake up and reread the word and throw away or at least fully review the doctrines and traditions of the past which may have been thought to be true in man's minds at that time. We should always check what we are believing and following. The bible is the only true source of truth for it has been recorded to keep us from following men and not God. Let the word interpret the word.

The world is coming to a point of no return with evil escalating rapidly and the rapture of the church is upon the horizon and though many do not understand or believe the rapture but have developed their own ideas of continuing to build the church for the return of Jesus thinking we will make the world better for Christ's return but that is not what the scriptures tell us. For when Christ returns, He will judge the world and destroy the gentile nations and they will be no more. Then he will establish His kingdom for a thousand years, but the churches have not understood that and are trying to make things happen by their hand and not by the hand of God. We are to go and make disciples throughout the world.

Dan 2:34 While you were watching, a rock was cut out, but not by human hands. It struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and smashed them. 35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were all broken to pieces and became like chaff on a threshing floor in the summer. The wind swept them away without leaving a trace. But the rock that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth.

This statue is all the gentile nations from King Nebuchadnezzar until the end of the age of the gentiles which will exist until Jesus's second return. The rock cut out not by human hands is Jesus and at His second return all gentile rule upon the earth will be smashed and left like chaff and will be blown away without a trace. Then the rock who is Jesus at His return will become a Huge Mountain and fill the earth.

We know that it is the end of the age of the gentiles because the rock struck the statue on the feet of iron and clay. We also know that today the gentile nations still rule this earth and though there is a church in existence it is not growing to be a

Hugh Mountain but has instead been set aside as the church age which will be ended before or at His second return. You only need to look at the condition of the world to see we are not growing the church to fill the whole earth.

Somewhere in these last two thousand years the church began to believe that this rock cut out not by human hands was the church which would grow to be the Hugh Mountain, but the interpretation was incorrect because it was not the feet of the statue when the church began.

At the time they were presented to the churches of that time they sounded logical, but the logic was not complete because God had not revealed enough information to the leaders of the churches to fully understand the big picture. They were still relying on the information passed on by the catholic church, so we are trusting in doctrines that did not understand and believe the whole word of God.

Then it was mixed with their misunderstanding of the state of Israel in God's plan and still believed that Israel was not in God's plan and the church has become the only point of relationship to God and His eternal plan. That was called Replacement Theology and has lingered on for the last 2 to 3 hundred years but in recent history Israel is back in their land and it is not any longer possible to cling to that concept.

It never made sense from the beginning because the word of God properly read and rightly divided had already told us what was to happen. It is clear in reading the Old Testament that God has promised a blessing to Abraham that his seed would be blessed, and the Old Testament has given specific promises of the golden era of Israel, but the church has stolen that promise and placed it upon themselves. So, all the scriptures that the churches of that time had read (and are still doing) to be a blessing on the church.

All your interpretations of Old Testament scripture must be readdressed with the understanding that those blessings were for Israel and not for the church. The church or should I say the body of Christ has its own blessing promised to it, but it is not the same as that promised to Israel. Israel will be fully established at Christ second coming and all the blessing of the Old Testament will be fulfilled, and Christ will rule and reign for a thousand years on this earth with a rod of iron. He will reign in Jerusalem which should have told you that Israel would be back in their promised land.

As for the church we are the body of Christ and will grow as individual believers with the Holy Spirit abiding in us and are redeemed by the shed blood of Jesus and there will be and are Christians Jew in the church. We are made acceptable to the Father God only by the blood of Christ which covers our sins and therefore He only sees the righteousness of Christ Jesus.

2 Cor: 5 Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

21 God made him who had no sin to be sin[b] for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

We are to be the bride of Christ and will all be raptured at one time both the dead and the living to receive imperishable bodies which will live for eternity. It is only for those that have washed their robes in the blood of Christ. It is those who have traveled the narrow path but if you are not in Christ Jesus which is marked by the spirit which has been given as a deposit guaranteeing what is to come.

None of the words say it is for those that are church members nor by your works no matter how righteous they look and no matter how you have served churches or men. These works do not save but only the "born again" will receive the deposit—the guarantee of that glorified body and eternal life. I have written a full explanation of why you must be Born Again. Check my website howardscorner.org for the explanation.

So, we find then the state of Christianity which is generally recognized by the world to be the churches of Jesus Christ but are only organizations of men who have many different doctrines and traditions and practices. There are those that call themselves Christian by name but do not believe the basics of Christ being the son of God and having died and was resurrected and our only hope of salvation.

They have selected for themselves men to lead which they follow even after the men are dead but refuse to reread the scriptures and find salvation in Jesus alone and not by mixed beliefs which have not produced the presence of the Holy Spirit. Without the presence of the spirit of Christ there is no promise, no guarantee of life eternal. You then are only left with your dead works for your guarantee which is no guarantee but is a false hope that man has made up.

MATT 7:13 "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. 14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

I have been at this following Christ and His kingdom for many years, and my assessment is that there are very few on the narrow road and I see very few that have been born again as shown by their love of the word and the love of the kingdom and the desire to reach the lost but many love churches and men but not so much Jesus the Christ and love the wide road of ease with no responsibility of furthering the kingdom and that leads to destruction.

You must be in Christ which means you are born again or from above. Make sure that you know Him before it is too late. **Seek truth diligently!**

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